

November 13, 2002

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-56

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the Initial Brief of The Berkshire Gas Company in support of its petition in D.T.E. 02-56.

Please call me if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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